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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Jason Francis Conaty et al.

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For : MINIRIBOZYMES ACTIVE AT LOW MAGNESIUM IO

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SIR:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JANUARY 6, 2003 OFFICE ACTION, PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME, AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued January 6, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the January 6, 2003 Office Action was due April 6, 2003. Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time from April 6, 2003 to June 6, 2003 for responding to the January 6, 2003 Office Action. The required fee for the two-month extension of time is \$410.00 and a check including this amount is enclosed. Therefore, a response to the January 6, 2003 Office Action is now due June 6, 2003 and this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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